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Received up to 2nd December, 1889.

POLITICAL AND NATIVE STATES.

The Azád (Lucknow), of the 29th November, says that it will be readily perceived that the Nation-Comments on the National Congress. al Congress is in a very unsatisfactory state. No attention was ever paid to the movement in England; and the small popularity which it gained in this country is already on the wane. It will collapse and die a natural death before long as foretold by the Azúd. Mr. Hume has proposed that the Congress should assemble every fifth year in future, but his Bengali friends are still in favour of annual meetings. But what can Bengalis alone do if the other classes of the community hold aloof? Of what use are delegates like Mr. Baynon, whose expenses will be paid by the Congress? Mr. Hume has now been convinced that, with all his efforts, the Congress cannot be maintained any longer. A demonstration will shortly be made by natives, Anglo-Indians and Eurasians in the Punjab against it. Nothing could be more objectionable than to secure delegates by offering to pay their expenses. The pictures of men of note in all parts of the country may as well be obtained and placed on seats at the Congress meetings.

Circulation, 240 copies. Circulation, 370 copies.

The Mihr-i-Nimroz (Bijnor), of the 28th November, on the authority of a correspondent, pub-Opposition of the Anjulishes the proceedings of the second man-i-Islamia, Boorkee, to the National Congress. anniversary meeting of the Roorkee Anjuman-i-Islamia held at Piranklia on the 7th and 8th . idem. On the first day Hakim Abdul Majid Khán of Delhi presided, and on the second Maulyi Muhammad Maksúd Ali Khán of Sháhjahánpur. Speeches were delivered at the meeting to show the divine origin of the Muhammadan religion, in condemnation of the National Congress, and in praise of British rule. Maulvi Riyazu-l-din Ahmad, B.A., the Inspector of Schools in the Rampur State, was one of the speakers; and the meeting passed a resolution against the The report of the Anjuman for the last year was read, and subscriptions and donations were promised by many men present on the occasion. Shah Zahir Alam, Deputy Collector, Saháranpur, who attended the meeting, promised a donation of Rs. 50 and a monthly subscription of Rs. 5.

Girculation, 125 copies. The Jalwa-i-Ezadi (Meerut), of the 27th November, publishes a communication from Nawab lishes a communication from Nawab Muhammad Umar Ali Khan of Basothe National Congress.

Muhammad Umar Ali Khan of Basoda, regarding the National Congress.

In a letter to Maulana Rahmatullah Khán, Mecca, the Nawab stated that some Hindus, Bengalis and Musalmens had established the Congress with the object of securing the establishment of a parliament and obtaining a larger share in the administration of the country. Government was already very anxious to improve the condition of Masalmans. It had released many Muhammadan mosques which had been confiscated and had appointed Musalmans to high posts. In conclusion the Nawab requested the Maulana to express his opinion about the Congress. The Maulana in his reply stated that although he was not well acquainted with the principles and aims of the Congress, he had no hesitation in declaring that the movement which was opposed to Government would not be attended with good results. He would never advise any Musalmán to join such a movement. With reference to the Maulana, the Nawab observes that he is held in such high estimation among the Muhammadan community owing to his great learning, that the Sultan of Turkey twice invited him to Constantinople, and treated him with great respect at each interview. Nothing could be a greater mistake than to imagine that the agitation of a handful of natives would induce Englishmen to make over the Government of this country, which they acquired with great difficulty, to the agitators and would themselves silently retire to England. Although the Irish belong to the same race and religion as the English and have friends and sympathizers like Mr. Gladstone, they have not been able to regain their independence in spite of all their efforts.

The Nyáya Sudhá (Harda), of the 27th November, on the

The election of delegates at Jabalpur for the next Bombay National Congress.

authority of a correspondent, gives an account of a National Congress meeting held at Jabalpur on the 23rd idem in the afternoon. About 300 men

were present, and Mr. Nundy, Barrister-at-law, presided. The Hon'ble Pandit Ajodhya Nath and Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, B.A., delivered eloquent speeches and carried the audience with them. The effect was so great that even ignorant artizans were induced to offer a day's wages to the Congress fund. About 20 delegates were elected for the Bombay Congress.

The Bhárat Jiwan (Benares), of the 25th November, says

Mr. Hume and the Nathrat that the opponents of the National Contional Congress.

gress express great joy at Mr. Hume's threat to sever his connection with the National Congress if the

threat to sever his connection with the National Congress if the expenses of the Indian Political Agency in England are not readily paid by natives, and think that the Congress will soon collapse. But they are mistaken: poor as this country is at present, the Congressists will have no great difficulty in raising the required funds. In regard to the rumour that Mr. Hume is of opinion that the Congress should assemble every fifth year in future, the Bhárat Jiwan thinks that the Congress should continue to be held every year. The Congress affords educated and influential persons in all parts of the country a good opportunity for an interchange of thought, and leads to the growth of mutual sympathy and friendship.

The Almora Akhbar, of the 25th November, urges upon The Indian Politics 1 natives the importance of the mainten-Agency in England. ane of the Indian Political Agency in

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England, and asks them to contribute subscriptions to meet If the agency collapses for want of funds and its expenses. Mr. Hume severs his connection with the Congress, they will have only themselves to thank.

Circulation, 450 copies.

Comments on the attack of the Azád on Mr. Bradlaugh's Bill for the reform of the Indian Legislative

Councils.

The Oudh Punch (Lucknow), of the 21st November, referring to the attack made by the Azád on Mr. Bradlaugh's Bill for the reform of the Indian Legislative Councils, observes that the measure has been

condemned as utter nonsense. But the necessity for the reform of the Legislative Councils has long been urged by English and native politicians. Lord Dufferin recommended the reform and even Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan himself, the spiritual guide of the Azád, most vigorously advocated it in his treatise on the Causes of the Mutiny. The conduct of the Azad in condemning Mr. Bradlaugh's Bill resembles that of the inmate of a lunatic asylum who considers the whole world mad because of its not supporting his views.

Circulation, 415 copies.

The Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the 24th and 26th Novem-

ber, gives the substance of the latter por-Babu Jogendra Chandra tion of Babu Jogendra Chandra Bose's Bose's pamphlet on the recent imbroglio in Kashmír. Kashmir pamphlet in which the Babu endeavours to show that the charges of incompetence, extrava-

gance, and of having written the well-known Kashmir letters brought against Mahárája Pratáp Singh, were unfounded, and refers to the charges which were brought from time to time against the late Mahárája Ranbír Singh. The Hindustán then observes that Lord Lansdowne should carefully read the pamphlet. His Lordship, possessing little knowledge of Indian affairs, has unwittingly done a great injustice to Mahárája Pratap Singh under the advice of the Resident. His Lordship should reconsider the matter and reinstate the Mahárája, establishing a Council on the model of the Mysore Council to assist His Highness in conducting the administration. case he would justify Mr. George Yule's observation that in British territories "the sun of justice and righteousness ever shines with increasing splendour."

The Oudh Akhbar (Lucknow), of the 25th November, condemns the attacks made by some native Kashmír. newspapers on the Government of India

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for its interference in the affairs of Kashmir as unjustifiable, refers to the reforms introduced by the Council of Regency, and hopes that the Mahárája will make a point of learning the work of administration, in order that the Government of India may again entrust him with the management of the affairs of the state at the end of five years.

The Sitára-i-Hind (Moradabad), of the 12th November, received on the 1st December, accuses The same. Rája Amar Singh of having intrigued against the Mahárája; expresses surprise and regret that Government should have listened to him; censures him for his alleged intriguing; and hopes that Government will reconsider the subject and again bestow powers on the Mahárája.

Circulation, 125 copies.

The Azád (Lucknow), of the 29th November, observes that the opponents of Government are Refutation of the al-

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leaving no stone unturned to excite leged misappropriation by Government of Kashmír discontent among the people. They money. have lately spread a false rumour to the effect that Government has taken six lakhs of rupees from the Kashmír Treasury. The fact is that 31 lakhs have been spent on the construction of the railway, to which no exception

The same paper remarks that the violent attacks made on Government for its interference in Disapproval of the at-Kashmir are useless and are even likely tacks made on the Kashmír policy. to do harm to that state. No unreasonable clamour can induce Government to withdraw until

it has placed the affairs of the state on a satisfactory footing. The friends of the Mahárája cannot do better than to suggest necessary reforms in all branches of the administration and get the grievances of the people redressed.

The Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the 27th November, observes that in his letter to the Mahá-Preparation of a cata-Kashmír Lord Lansdowne His Highness of having accused

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logue of the books in the Jammu library.

should be taken.

emptied the State treasury by his extravagance. Raja Amar Singh, who is a mere puppet in the hands of Colonel Nisbett, advertised the State jewels for sale through the columns of the Pioneer. In spite of such an unsatisfactory state of the treasury, several lakhs of rupees were lately taken out from it. When a Calcutta newspaper drew attention to the matter, the Civil and Military Gazette replied that the money was intended to be devoted to the construction of new roads and other public works. It is surprising that when arrears of official salaries have not yet been paid, a large sum should have been devoted to such purposes. What is Lord Lansdowne about? At the instance of Colonel Nisbett the Council of Regency has engaged the services of Mr. Steen to prepare a catalogue of the Sanskrit books in the Jammu library, and Colonel Nisbett and Rája Amar Singh have been highly praised by the Lahore journal for the project. Is the Council justified in ordering the preparation of a catalogue of old worm-eaten books when it has more urgent calls to meet? The project will merely put many thousands of rupees into Mr. Steen's pocket and give him an opportunity of abusing old Hindu authors.

ADMINISTRATION.

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The Tohfa-i-Hind (Bijnor), of the 18th November, received on the 27th idem, complains that under Act VII of 1889. the provisions of section 4 of Act VII of 1889, no heir to a creditor deceased can obtain a decree from a court or get a decree executed without previously obtaining a certificate of heirship, and that the certificate will be granted on a stamp amounting to 2 per cent. on the total amount of the loan or loans. If he obtains in the first instance a certificate only for some of the loans, but afterwards applies for a certificate for the other loans also, he will have to pay a penal fee at 3 per cent. for the latter. Under section 2 of Act XXVII of 1860 the acquisition of such a certificate was not compulsory. A cetificate had to be obtained when the court was satisfied that the objection of the debter regarding the non-possession of the certificate by the heir to the deceased creditor was reasonable and made in good faith. This was really a very fair provision. In

many instances the amounts of loans are very small, and the cost of certificates of heirship, if obtained, would exceed those amounts. Hence in such cases the heirs to deceased creditors would be obliged to refrain from obtaining the certificates. It would appear that one of the principal objects of the Legislature in passing the new Act is an increase of the stamp revenue. Heaven protect the heirs of deceased creditors. Had the object of the Legislature been only to save debtors from loss, it would not have imposed such a heavy stamp duty on the certificates. The omission of the provisions of section 2 of the Act of 1860 from the new Act is an injustice to the heirs of creditors.

The Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the 28th November, observes that the St. James' Gazette, Cost of public instruca Conservative journal, in a late issue, referred to the efforts made by the Government of India for the encouragement of education and progress and highly praised it for liberality. But the statement given below will show how far the Government of India deserves the praises bestowed on it by that journal. The Hindustan then publishes a statement showing the total annual revenues, the total annual expenditure on public instruction, the average annual cost per student, and the average annual cost per head of population for India, Australia, Canada, the United States and the principal countries of Europe, including of course the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and remarks that it will be perceived from the statement that the revenues of this country are nearly the same as those of the other great countries, but that the expenditure on education in this country is comparatively very small. India, Australia and Canada are all under British rule, but the cost per student and per head of population in India are 1s-3d and 2d as against £5-8s and 12s in Australia and £1-9s and 5s in Canada. Spain is a very poor country and the Spaniards are an indolent and unenterprizing people. However, the Spanish Government. spends on the education of one student what the Government of India does on that of 12. But still the educational expenditure is being steadily curtailed by the Government of India and

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new impediments are being placed in the way of students. It is true that the Government is anxious to advance India to the front ranks of civilized countries, but its desire cannot be fulfilled until it makes a point of encouraging education. The time has not yet arrived when the people should be able to make their own arrangements for the education of their children. There are yet millions of men who cannot afford to have even one full meal per day and are unable to appreciate the advantages of education.

Circulation, 240 copies. The Tohfa-i- Hind (Bijnor), of the 18th November, com-

Approval of the Bengal Government orders prohibiting the establishment of liquor shops near temples and schools. plains of the alleged increase of drunkenness in this country under the present excise policy of Government, and calls upon Government to co-operate with the

promoters of temperance in checking the evil. The Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal has issued orders to the effect that the District and Sub-Divisional Officers should give permission for the establishment of liquor shops in accordance with the wishes of the people and should never allow such shops to be opened near temples, streets, schools and factories. It is to be hoped that the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh will follow the example of the Bengal Government and issue similar orders.

Circulation, 125 copies. The Jalwa-i-Ezadi (Meerut), of the 19th November,

The editor of the Jalwa-i-Ezadi, Meerut, fined Rs. 10 for publishing an advertisement for the sale of aphrodisiacs. adverting to the criminal prosecution instituted against the editor under section 292 of the Penal Code, for publishing an advertisement for the sale

of aphrodisiacs, refers to the pleas urged by the accused in his defence, and observes that, in conclusion, he told the Joint Magistrate that the words to which exception had been taken were not obscene. However, if the words were considered to be so by the Court, he might have been pardoned. Moreover, he promised not to publish the advertisement in future. The Joint Magistrate sentenced him to a fine of Rs. 10.

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The Hindustán (Kálákankar) of the 24th November,
Alleged inadequate pun. states that at Secundrabad in the Decishment inflicted on a European accused of having killed a native at Secundrabad. can there was an interchange of some angry words between a European and

a native, and that consequently the former kicked the latter to death. The Magistrate fined the European only Rs. 100, and the fine was doubled by the Resident, while at Calcutta a fine of Rs. 100 was lately inflicted on a wagon-driver for simply torturing a bullock.

EDUCATION.

The Mihr-i-Nimroz (Bijnor), of the 28th November, referring to the memorial submitted by some residents of Bijnor to the District Board, praying that steps might be taken to raise the local zila school to the status of a High School, asks the nobility and gentry of the district to contribute subscriptions to meet a portion of the additional expenditure. If the required amount were raised from public subscription, Government would have no objection to sanction the proposal.

Circulation, 370 copies.

POST-OFFICE.

The Násir-i-Hind (Agra), of the 24th November, complains Distribution of letters that the new arrangements made by and parcels at Agra. the Postmaster of Agra from the 20th idem, under which paid letters are distributed by one set of peons and bearing and registered letters, money-orders, parcels, &c., by another set, are very unsatisfactory. The public do not receive their letters, parcels and money-orders as early as before; the delivery peons are unable to take their food till 10 P. M.; and the post-office clerks, too, are exposed to much inconvenience. Under these circumstances the old system, which worked very satisfactorily, had better be reintroduced.

Circulation, 80 copies.

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The Prayág Samáckár (Allahabad), of the 25th November,
publishes the proceedings of a public

Public meeting held by the Cow-protection Society of Mirzapur for the collection of subscriptions. publishes the proceedings of a public meeting held at Babu Benimadho Das' Garden in Mirzapur on the 17th idem by the local Cow-protection Society Circulation, 400 copies. for the collection of subscriptions. Mahant Jairam Gir, the president of the society, and Babu Benimadho Das, the Vice-President, addressed the meeting and appealed for aid. Babu Benimadho Das, promised to give Rs. 2,500; Babu Jamna Das, Rs. 2,500, Mahant Jairam Gir, Rs. 1,000, Pursotam Das, six bighas of land; Garib Ram and Fakir Ram, Rs. 500; Kolai Ram Budhu, Rs. 400, and so forth. The Mahant also promised an annual allowance of Rs. 32. The Hindus of Mirzapur deserve high praise for their generosity.

The Praja Hitkarak (Agra), of the 23rd November, observes that the new Central Provin-Carriage and sale of meat at Agra. ces Municipal Bill provides that meat should be sold and carried through public streets and thoroughfares with due regard to secrecy. The provision will prevent any wicked Musalmans from annoying the Hindus and remove a fruitful source of religious dissension. The serious riots at Multan and other places were due to the outrage committed by Musalmans by carrying beef openly in public streets and thoroughfares. In the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, with the exception of one or two cities, no satisfactory arrangements have been made for the regulation of the sale and carriage of meat. When Mr. Lawrence was the District Magistrate at Agra, the Municipal Committee of that place removed all meat shops from the Kashmíri Bazár and other streets. The meat sellers were told to establish their stalls in the by-lanes not much frequented by Hindus and to put up proper screens in front of the stalls. But that order is now more honoured in the breach than in the observance. Beef is carried openly without a cover, and meat stalls are to be found in Kashmiri Bazar, Nai-ki-Mandi and other streets. One such stall has lately been established at Hakim-ki-Garhia in the immediate vicinity of a Hindu sweatmeat seller's shop. The carrrage and sale of meat in the way above referred to are a great public nuisance and necessarily cause much annoyance to Hindus. The Local Government would do a great favor to the Hindu community if it introduced the same arrangements at all the cities and towns in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh as obtain in the Central Provinces and at Allahabad.

The Oudh Akhbár (Lucknow), of the 26th November, complains of the increase of beggars in this country and advises the people not to give alms to those beggars who are physically fit to work and earn their livelihood if they like to do so. (The Nasim-i-Agra, of the 23rd November, also complains of the increase of beggars and thinks that they amount to about one-fourth of the population. The evil will not be checked until the people cease to give alms indiscriminately or until education spreads among all classes of persons and the beggars are ashamed of their conduct.)

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